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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(b)

Docket Number (Optional)

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In re Application of Jennifer L. West, et al.

Application Number 09/935,168

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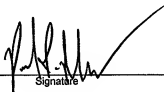
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Examiner Huynh, Phuong N.

This is a request for an extension of time of two (2) months (days), (weeks), (months) under 37 CFR 1.136(b) in this pending application. An extension of time is not available in this application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a); however, additional time to respond may still be granted under the patent statute. The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) is required. The reasons for requesting the extension of time are the following:

This petition is for an extension of time to file a Reply Brief in an appeal for the above-reference application pursuant to 37 CFR 41.41. Applicants request is based on the following considerations:

1. The Examiner's Answer to Applicants' Appeal Brief is a detailed, 72-page-long analysis. Applicants require additional time to consider the Examiner's analysis and to thoroughly respond to the Examiner's arguments.
2. To thoroughly respond, Applicants need to address complex rejections, such as rejections about the adequacy of Applicants' written description, enablement of Applicants' claims, and obviousness of Applicants' claims. Because these issues are complex and place a heavy burden on Applicants to thoroughly respond, Applicants request additional time.
3. The outstanding obviousness rejections are based on various combinations of references, which involve, in some instances, a combination of 4 different references. This places a heavy burden on Applicants to thoroughly respond. Accordingly, Applicants request additional time to ensure a thorough response.

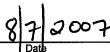


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